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AMEMBASSY JAKARTA

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SUBJ: INVASION OF PESTS IN SUMBA

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. CONSULATE OFFICERS MET IR. J.K. BULO OF SPECIAL STAFF OF THE INSPECTORATE OF AGRICULTURE FOR EAST NUSATENGARA PROVINCE IN WAIKABUBAK, THE MAJOR TOWN OF WESTERN SUMBA. BULO WAS INVESTIGATING REPORTS OF AN INVASION OF GRASSHOPPERS WHICH WERE DEVESTATING LOCAL FIELDS. HE REPORTED THAT MORE THAN 340 RPT 340 HECTARES OF GOOD RICE AND CORN FIELDS HAD BEEN DESTROYED BY PESTS. BEFORE RETURNING TO CAPITAL OF PROVINCE AT KUPANG, HE IS ALSO SCHEDULED TO GO TO SOUTHERN SECTOR OF SUMBA TO CHECK ON POSSIBLE DAMAGE IN THAT AREA.

2. ALTHOUGH THIS HAS BEEN GOOD YEAR FOR HARVESTS IN SUMBA, BULO EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT SPREAD OF PEST INVASION AND DESTRUCTION OF MANY LOCAL FIELDS. HE EXPECTS TO RETURN TO KUPANG ABOUT 1 JULY TO REPORT TO GOVERNOR OF EAST NUSATENGARA ON THIS PROBLEM AND RECOMMEND STEPS TO PREVENT FURTHER DAMAGE. HE NOTED THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF STEPS TO ERADICATE GRASSHOPPERS WOULD REQUIRE CONCURRENCE OF AND ASSISTANCE FROM JAKARTA. END UNCLASSIFIED.

3. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. BULO WAS VERY NEGATIVE ABOUT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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JAKARTA BUREAUCRATS AND THE LIKELIHOOD THAT THEY WOULD TAKE

THEIS PROBLEM SERIOUSLY. HE OPINED THAT SPREAD OF PESTS
ACROSS WESTERN SECTION OF SUMBA COULD LEAD TO FOOD SHORTAGES
THROUGHOUT SUMBA SINCE MAJORITY OF ISLAND'S RICE AND CORN IS
GROWN IN THAT REGION. ACCORDING TO HIM, JAKARTA CARES LITTLE
ABOUT REMOTE PROVINCES LIKE EAST NUSATENGARA AND WOULD
PROBABLY NOT SHOW MUCH CONCERN WHEN CONFRONTED WITH
STARVATION OF WILD AND PRIMITIVE SUMBANESE. END LIMITED
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